

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4313–S4352

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3102–3119. **Pages S4343–44**

Measures Reported:

S. 3107, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. (S. Rept. No. 115–281)

S. 3108, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. (S. Rept. No. 115–282)

S. 3109, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. (S. Rept. No. 115–283)

S. 974, to promote competition in the market for drugs and biological products by facilitating the timely entry of lower-cost generic and biosimilar versions of those drugs and biological products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

National GI Bill Commemoration Week: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 551, expressing support for the designation of the week of June 18 through June 22, 2018, as National GI Bill Commemoration Week, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Measures Considered:

Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 137), Alexander (for Bennet) Amendment No. 2983 (to Amendment No. 2910), to increase employment for

members of the Armed Forces in emerging industries. **Pages S4325–28**

McConnell (for Alexander) Amendment No. 2915 (to Amendment No. 2910), to make a technical correction. **Page S4333**

McConnell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 2986 (to Amendment No. 2910), to clarify coal to carbon fiber research and development expenditures.

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McConnell (for Heller) Amendment No. 3048 (to Amendment No. 2910), to reauthorize Colorado River System pilot projects. **Page S4333**

McConnell (for Rubio) Amendment No. 2999 (to Amendment No. 2910), to prohibit the use of funds for certain releases or discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee Estuary or the Indian River Lagoon. **Page S4333**

McConnell (for Perdue/Isakson) Amendment No. 3054 (to Amendment No. 2978), to ensure the use of certain funds for projects relating to deep-draft navigation. **Page S4333**

McConnell (for Thune) Amendment No. 2978 (to Amendment No. 2910), to provide funding for water infrastructure projects. **Page S4333**

McConnell (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3059 (to Amendment No. 2910), to include certain provisions relating to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydroelectric projects. **Page S4333**

McConnell (for Heinrich/Gardner) Amendment No. 2980 (to Amendment No. 2910), to clarify certain cost-sharing requirements applicable to awards from the Energy Technology Commercialization Fund. **Page S4333**

McConnell (for Warner/Portman) Amendment No. 2996 (to Amendment No. 2910), to provide that funds made available for the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Energy shall be used to fully meet certain data transparency requirements. **Page S4334**

McConnell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3042 (to Amendment No. 2910), to include a provision relating to transfers from the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund. **Page S4334**

McConnell (for Tester/Daines) Amendment No. 2961 (to Amendment No. 2910), to extend the authorization for the Fort Peck Rural Water System.

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McConnell (for Sanders/Nelson) Amendment No. 2963 (to Amendment No. 2910), to set aside funds for the Regional Test Centers for Solar Technologies of the Department of Energy.

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McConnell (for Brown) Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2910), to support the development and deployment of high-efficiency linear generator power plant technology.

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McConnell (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 2939 (to Amendment No. 2910), to require a report on Corps of Engineers activities relating to inland and coastal projects.

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McConnell (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3068 (to Amendment No. 2910), to express the sense of the Senate that certain Corps of Engineers projects should receive consideration for additional funding.

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McConnell (for Hyde-Smith) Amendment No. 2953 (to Amendment No. 2910), to provide adequate funds for the Surplus Books Program of the Library of Congress.

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McConnell (for Coons/Murkowski) Amendment No. 3053 (to Amendment No. 2910), to provide funds to reduce or eliminate the use of plastic straws in facilities under the care of the Architect of the Capitol.

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McConnell (for Boozman/Daines) Amendment No. 3051 (to Amendment No. 2910), to appropriate funds for the Veterans History Project.

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McConnell (for Lee/Paul) Amendment No. 3057 (to Amendment No. 2910), to require that funds made available for the Congressional Budget Office be used to improve the transparency of scoring and the availability and replicability of models, economic assumptions, and data to Members of Congress.

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McConnell (for Heller/Tester) Amendment No. 3056 (to Amendment No. 2910), to protect programs for homeless veterans.

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McConnell (for Heller) Amendment No. 2949 (to Amendment No. 2910), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the program of support services for caregivers of veterans of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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McConnell (for Klobuchar/Tillis) Amendment No. 2960 (to Amendment No. 2910), to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs a center of excellence in the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment, and rehabilitation of health conditions relating to exposure to burn pits.

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McConnell (for Boozman) Amendment No. 2924 (to Amendment No. 2910), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan to avoid clinical mistakes by employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs that result in adverse events that require certain disclosures.

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McConnell (for Boozman/Schatz) Amendment No. 2925 (to Amendment No. 2910), to make a technical correction to title III of division C.

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McConnell (for Tester/Brown) Amendment No. 2934 (to Amendment No. 2910), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a means to track and monitor information on debts of persons to the United States by virtue of the persons' participation in a benefits program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, including because of an overpayment by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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McConnell (for Cassidy/Jones) Amendment No. 3013 (to Amendment No. 2910), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish the quality rating of each nursing home of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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McConnell (for Cortez-Masto) Amendment No. 3050 (to Amendment No. 2910), to require the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct an investigation of all nursing homes of the Department of Veterans Affairs with an overall one-star rating as determined by the rating system of the Department.

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McConnell (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2992 (to Amendment No. 2910), to prohibit the use of funds made available under this Act in a manner that would increase wait times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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McConnell (for Hassan/Shahen) Amendment No. 2955 (to Amendment No. 2910), to prevent the use of funds made available by this Act to modernize or realign facilities of the Veterans Health Administration in States in which the Department does not operate a full-service medical facility unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs certifies to Congress that such modernization or realignment will not result in a disruption or reduction of services for veterans.

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McConnell (for Nelson) Amendment No. 3032 (to Amendment No. 2910), to limit the conversion of funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs program to improve retention of housing by formerly homeless veterans and veterans at risk of becoming homeless.

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McConnell (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3066 (to Amendment No. 2910), to express the sense of Congress relating to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

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McConnell (for Whitehouse) Amendment No. 2957 (to Amendment No. 2910), to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the potential for natural gas demand response across energy sectors and geographic regions. **Page S4336**

McConnell (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3038 (to Amendment No. 2910), to require a report on cell site simulators detected near facilities of the Department of Defense. **Page S4336**

Alexander Amendment No. 2911 (to Amendment No. 2910), to make a technical correction. **Page S4336**

Shelby Amendment No. 2910, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4336**

Rejected:

McConnell (for Lee) Modified Amendment No. 3021 (to Amendment No. 2911), to terminate a rule relating to the definition of “waters of the United States”. (By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 138), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4329–30**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on Shelby Amendment No. 2910 (listed above), be withdrawn. **Page S4333**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S4333**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 25, 2018, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended. **Page S4333**

A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, June 25, 2018, Senate resume consideration of the bill; and that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, ripen following disposition of H.R. 5895. **Page S4351**

Agriculture and Nutrition Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023. **Pages S4336–37**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 21, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. **Page S4337**

House Messages:

Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendments to S. 1091, to establish a Federal Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. **Page S4351**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Jean Carol Hovland, of South Dakota, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S4337, S4352**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—138) **Pages S4328, S4330**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 5:35 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4351.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 3107) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019;

An original bill (S. 3108) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019; and

An original bill (S. 3109) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.